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| Theorist | Concept | Particip | Procedure of Experiment/Study | Results | Conclusion | Limitations | Gender and culture diffs |
| **Thorndike** | Law of Effect: Actions bring a consequence and that determines future behavior | Cats | Put cat in a puzzle box – observe the cat’s behavior toward escaping to get the food. | Cats were able to escape more quickly each successive trial | Behavior is a result of consequence and improves with practice and experience | Didn’t account for mental processes – how do we learn from past experience and apply to new stimulus |  |